## I.     IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.     (Currently amended): A system for detecting an annotated anchor in a document <u>stored in a processor-readable storage medium,</u> comprising:

a first code <u>in the processor-readable storage medium</u> for locating an annotation in the document; and,

a second code <u>in the processor-readable storage medium</u> for detecting, proximate to or within the annotation, the presence of an anchor<u>, wherein the processor-readable storage medium communicates the first code and the second code to a processor to detect the annotated anchor in the document and to perform at least one process on the annotated anchor</u>.

2.     (Original):     The system of claim 1 wherein said second code detects an anchor which represents an explicit link to at least one other location.

3.     (Original):     The system of claim 1 wherein said second code detects an anchor which represents an implicit link to at least one other location.

4.     (Original):     The system of claim 1 further including a data structure referencing said annotated anchor.

5.     (Currently amended): The system of claim 1 further including a third code <u>in the processor-readable storage medium</u> for processing said annotated anchor.

6.     (Original):     The system of claim 5 wherein said third code for processing said annotated anchor includes generating a data structure including said annotated anchor.

7.     (Original):     The system of claim 6 wherein said data structure includes a plurality of annotated anchors.

8.      (Original):    The system of claim 7 wherein said plurality of annotated anchors are obtained from at least one document.

9.      (Original):    The system of claim 7 wherein said plurality of annotated anchors in said data structure are displayed in a format.

10.     (Currently amended): The system of claim 9 wherein said format includes displaying said <u>plurality of</u> annotated anchors according to annotation metadata.

11.     (Currently amended): The system of claim 9 wherein said format includes displaying said <u>plurality of</u> annotated anchors according to annotated anchor metadata.

12.     (Currently amended): The system of claim 11 wherein said <u>plurality of</u> annotated anchors each represent a link to at least one target; and wherein said annotated anchor metadata includes a number of anchors within said document representing said target.

13.     (Currently amended):      The system of claim 11 wherein said <u>plurality of</u> annotated anchors each represent a link to at least one target; and wherein said annotated anchor metadata includes a number of annotated anchors representing said target.

14.     (Currently amended): The system of claim 9 wherein said <u>plurality of</u> annotated anchors each represent a link to at least one target; and wherein said format includes displaying said annotated anchors according to target metadata.

15.     (Original):    The system of claim 14 wherein said target is a second document.

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16.     (Currently amended): The system of claim 5 wherein said third code for processing said annotated anchor further comprises causing the system to add ~~includes adding~~ said annotated anchor to a data structure based on at least one attribute value.

17.     (Original):     The system of claim 16 wherein said data structure includes a plurality of annotated anchors which have said at least one attribute value.

18.     (Currently amended): The system of claim 17 wherein said plurality of annotated anchors which have said at least one attribute value are obtained from a plurality of documents.

19.     (Currently amended): The system of claim 17 wherein said plurality of annotated anchors which have said at least one attribute value in said data structure are displayed in a format.

20.     (Currently amended): The system of claim 19 wherein said format includes displaying said annotated anchors which have said at least one attribute value according to annotation metadata.

21.     (Currently amended): The system of claim 19 wherein said format includes displaying said annotated anchors which have said at least one attribute value according to annotated anchor metadata.

22.     (Currently amended): The system of claim 19 wherein said annotated anchors which have said at least one attribute value each represent a link to at least one target; and wherein said format includes displaying said annotated anchors which have said at least one attribute value according to target metadata.

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23.    (Original):     The system of claim 22 wherein said target is a second document.

24.    (Original):     The system of claim 5 wherein said annotated anchor represents a link to at least a first target; and wherein said third code for processing said annotated anchor includes locating a second document which includes a reference to said first target.

25.    (Currently amended):     The system of claim 24 wherein said <u>second</u> document contains a second annotated anchor representing a link to at least a second target; and wherein said third code for processing said annotated anchor includes locating at least a second document which includes a reference to said first and second targets.

26.    (Original): The system of claim 5 wherein said annotated anchor represents a link to at least a second document; and wherein said third code for processing said annotated anchor includes obtaining said second document.

27.    (Original):     The system of claim 26 wherein said second document is obtained prior to a reader requesting said second document.

28.    (Original):     The system of claim 5 wherein said annotated anchor represents a link to at least one target; and wherein said third code for processing said annotated anchor includes detecting a second anchor representing a link to said target; and propagating said annotation to said second anchor.

29.    (Original):     The system of claim 28 wherein said second anchor is within said document.

30.    (Original):     The system of claim 28 wherein said second anchor is within a second document.

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31.    (Original):    The system of claim 5 wherein said annotated anchor represents a link to at least one target; and wherein said third code for processing said annotated anchor includes detecting a second anchor representing a link to said target; and suppressing a display of said second anchor.

32.    (Original):    The system of claim 31 wherein said second anchor is within said document.

33.    (Original):    The system of claim 31 wherein said second anchor is within a second document.

34.    (Original):    The system of claim 5 wherein said annotated anchor represents a link to at least one target; and wherein said third code for processing said annotated anchor includes identifying, in a hypertext structure, a node representing said target; and propagating said annotation to said node.

35.    (Original):    The system of claim 34 wherein said code for processing includes identifying, in said hypertext structure, a connecting object representing said link, and altering said connecting object.

36.    (Original):    The system of claim 5 wherein said annotated anchor represents a link to at least one target; and wherein said third code for processing said annotated anchor includes identifying, in a hypertext structure, a node representing said target; and suppressing a display of said node.

37.    (Original):    The system of claim 36 wherein said third code for processing said annotated anchor includes identifying, in said hypertext structure, an object representing said link and suppressing a display of said object.

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38.     (Original):     The system of claim 5 wherein said annotated anchor represents a link to at least one target; and wherein said third code for processing said annotated anchor includes displaying said annotated anchor and said target.

39.     (Currently amended): A method for detecting and processing a plurality of annotated anchors in a plurality of documents <u>stored in a processor-readable storage medium,</u> comprising the steps of:

    (a)     locating an annotation in a document <u>stored in the processor-readable storage medium;</u>

    (b)     detecting, proximate to or within the annotation, the presence of an anchor;

    (c)     processing the annotated anchor <u>wherein the processing step further comprises adding the annotated anchor to a data structure of annotated anchors; and displaying the data structure of the annotated data anchors</u>; and,

    (d)     repeating steps (a) – (c) for each annotation in the plurality of documents.

40.     (Cancelled)

41.     (Currently amended): The method of claim 39 wherein step (c) includes the steps of:

    adding annotated anchors including at least one selected attribute to a data structure; and,

    ~~displaying said data structure~~.

42.     (Original):     The method of claim 39 wherein said annotated anchors each represent a link to at least one target; and wherein step (c) includes the step of:

    locating at least a second document which includes a reference to at least one of said targets.

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43.    (Original):    The method of claim 39 wherein at least one of said annotated anchors represent a link to a second document; and wherein step (c) includes the steps of:
determining whether said second document is stored in said system; and
obtaining said second document if not already stored.

44.    (Original):    The method of claim 39 wherein step (c) includes the steps of:
determining a target of said annotated anchor;
detecting a second anchor representing a link to said target; and,
propagating said annotation to said second anchor.

45.    (Original):    The method of claim 39 wherein step (c) includes the steps of:
determining a target of said annotated anchor;
detecting a second anchor representing a link to said target; and,
suppressing a display of said second anchor.

46.    (Original):    The method of claim 39 wherein step (c) includes the steps of:
determining a target of said annotated anchor;
detecting a node, in a hypertext structure, representing said target; and,
propagating said annotation to said node.

47.    (Original):    The method of claim 46 wherein said annotated anchor represents a link to said target; and wherein step (c) further includes the steps of:
detecting an object, in said hypertext structure, representing said link; and,
altering said object.

48.    (Original):    The method of claim 39 wherein step (c) includes the steps of:
determining a target of said annotated anchor;
detecting a node, in a hypertext structure, representing said target; and,
suppressing said node.

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49.    (Original):    The method of claim 48 wherein said annotated anchor represents a link to said target; and wherein step (c) further includes the steps of:

detecting an object, in the hypertext structure, representing said link; and,

suppressing the display of said object.


50.    (Original):    The method of claim 39 wherein said annotated anchor represents a link to at least one target; and wherein step (c) includes the step of:

displaying simultaneously, said annotated anchor and said target.


51.    (Currently amended):  An apparatus for detecting at least one annotated anchor in a document stored in a processor-readable storage medium, the apparatus comprising:

a processor;

[[a]] the processor-readable storage medium in communication with the processor, containing processor-readable program code for programming the apparatus to:

detect each annotation in the document;

detect, proximate to or within each annotation, the presence of an anchor; and,

generate a data structure including each annotated anchor.


52.    (Original):    The apparatus of claim 51 further including processor readable program code for programming the apparatus to:

filter the data structure to include only annotated anchors which contain at least one selected attribute.


53.    (Original):    The apparatus of claim 51 further including processor readable program code for programming the apparatus to:

locate a second document containing a reference to at least one of said annotated anchors included in said data structure.


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54.    (Original):    The apparatus of claim 51 further including processor readable program code for programming the apparatus to:

determine a target document for each annotated anchor included in said data structure;

identify whether the target document is stored within the apparatus;

obtain a copy of the target document if not stored.


55.    (Original):    The apparatus of claim 51 further including processor readable program code for programming the apparatus to:

determine a target document for said annotated anchor;

identify additional anchors which represent a link to said target document; and

propagate said annotation to said identified additional anchors.


56.    (Original):    The apparatus of claim 51 further including processor readable program code for programming the apparatus to:

determine a target for said annotated anchor;

identify, in a hypertext structure, a node representing said target; and

propagate said annotation to said node.


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